

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUGUST 4, 2015

President Pro Tem Tim Shuffett called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Mike Malinsky with St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Shuffett.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Dascal Bunch, Ryan Brand, Frank Jerome, Frank Miller, Tim Shuffett, Kenneth Whipker, and James Lienhoop were present. Mayor Brown was absent.
- D. Councilor Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting on July 21, 2015 as presented. Councilor Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Councilor Shuffett made a motion to suspend the rules of order to hear item A. under New Business prior to Unfinished Business. Councilor Lienhoop seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

II. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. First Reading of Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 17, 2015 RESOLUTION APPROVING A DEDUCTION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1, *ET. SEQ.* AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE STATEMENT OF BENEFITS FORM" (Toyota Industrial Equipment Mfg., Inc.) Carl Malysz, Community Development Director, stated Toyota Industrial Equipment Mfg., Inc. had requested a tax abatement on real and personal property at their current facility located at 5555 Inwood Drive in Columbus. Carl introduced Tony Miller, Senior Vice President, and William Holder, Accounting Manager, both with Toyota Industrial Equipment Mfg., Inc. and William Faulkner and Katie Pennington with DuCharme, McMillen & Associates, Inc. Mr. Holder explained Toyota Industrial Equipment Mfg., Inc. plan to invest \$16 million in construction of a new building and renovation to the existing facility. As a result of this expansion they plan to retain 1,046 jobs and add 7 new design engineers. Councilor Lienhoop asked if a contractor had been selected for the project. Mr. Holder stated Force Design has been chosen for the architectural work and Force Construction for the new building and renovation. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Lienhoop stated the Incentive Review Committee met prior to the Council meeting and found Toyota Industrial Equipment Mfg., Inc. to be in substantial compliance. Councilor Lienhoop made a motion to adopt the resolution for a ten (10) year tax abatement. Councilor Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. First reading of the Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 14, 2015 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 8.24 OF THE COLUMBUS CITY CODE, GARBAGE AND REFUSE" Carl Malysz, Community Development Director, presented this ordinance and explained this is a second reading of an amended ordinance. He stated Fred Barnett, Code Enforcement Coordinator, and Bryan Burton, Director of City Garage, were present for any questions. Jeff Logston, City Attorney and Executive Director of Administration, provided details of the revisions from the original ordinance which deals with exterior conditions of property. He discussed placement of city-owned containers (toters), garbage and refuse on property, and outdoor open storage. Councilor Shuffett opened the meeting for public comment. A citizen in the audience asked about fines. Fred Barnett stated he stores a history of contacts and follow-up visits for any violation. Sharon Brown would like to see enforcement for violations within a privacy fence. Much discussion followed. Chris Rutan asked about furniture on a front porch. Jeff Logston stated discretion would be used by the Code Enforcement Officer. Mike Mullett, 723 Lafayette St., asked if the State still has a nuisance law. Jeff explained this ordinance is designed for more specific concerns related to the city. Councilor Shuffett closed the meeting for public comments. Councilor Jerome made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Second Reading of Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 15, 2015 AN ORDINANCE VACATING PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY (Franklin & 12th Streets Alley Vacation)" Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this ordinance. He explained the request is for an alley vacation that runs east to west between Franklin Street and just north of 12th Street. Jeff displayed a map of the area. He stated Andy Russell is the applicant, but all involved property owners who adjoin this alley have signed the request for alley vacation. Brief discussion followed. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Jerome made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business Requiring Council Action

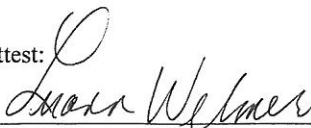
- B. First Reading of Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. _____, 2015 TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF COLUMBUS REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR ENGINEERING AND DESIGN WORK FOR A RIVERWALK BRIDGE BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD STREETS" Heather Pope, Redevelopment Director, presented this resolution. She explained the Columbus Redevelopment Commission forwarded this resolution to the City Council with a favorable recommendation. The request is for approval for the design of a pedestrian bridge which would go along the shoreline behind the Pumphouse and connect to the People Trails that would go under the Third Street Bridge and make a connection onto Water Street. Heather stated the Redevelopment Commission voted to engage United Consulting for a maximum of \$282,500.00 for design and engineering fees subject to City Council approval. Councilor Bunch questioned if any other companies offered additional options or if United Consulting provided additional choices. Heather explained five engineering firms responded to a Request for Proposal (RFP). United Consulting was one of the respondents which provided a rendering of a riverwalk bridge and have proposed the bridge as the best solution. Councilor Whipker asked if any other options were

reviewed. Heather stated she had not seen any other options. Councilor Jerome discussed concerns such as erosion of the old landfill on the west bank of the river and the condition of the hill behind the Pumphouse as a dump site shoring up the bank. Councilor Shuffett opened the meeting for public comment. Tasha Mann, representing the Columbus Parks Foundation, read a prepared statement from their Board of Directors. Councilor Jerome communicated that the Council is interested in a People Trail connection. He personally wants to make sure all options are being explored. Councilor Lienhoop added to the remarks made by Councilor Jerome, stating that even though there is opposition to this particular proposal doesn't mean they are opposed to a trail connection and would like to see other options. Councilor Whipker wants to look at all alternatives. Councilor Miller also wants to pursue all options available. He stated there are many other TIF projects and would like to prioritize where that money should be spent. Councilor Brand added that any time there is a public / private partnership we should certainly take advantage of the support from the Parks Foundation. A member of the audience stated the trails need to be useful even when the water is high, and expressed support of the Council's position to view alternative plans. Tamara Kiel spoke on behalf of the pedestrian bridge and urged the Council to trust the recommendation of United Consulting. Much discussion followed. Councilor Shuffett closed the public portion of the meeting. Councilor Shuffett called for a vote. The item died for a lack of a motion.

V. Other Business

- A. Discussion for Property Tax Abatement for Distressed Residential Areas – Carl Malysz provided an update for property tax abatement in distressed residential areas and offered a powerpoint presentation to address some specific questions previously raised by Council members. Council encouraged Carl to continue to move forward with developing this tax abatement.
- B. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports – none.
- C. The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 18, 2015, 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.**
- D. Councilor Jerome made a motion for adjournment. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:08 P.M


Presiding Officer

Attest: 
Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus